



FOR THE RAIN IT RAINETH EVERYDAY—The first storm of the season hit Valley College earlier this week pouring on people and plants equally before leaving the promise of a pot of gold behind.

More of the same is expected for the months ahead. The storm that hit Tuesday did not cause any major problems at Valley.

Deficit cut in half by board cuts

By JEFF SHARE, City Editor

The district's \$29 million budget deficit has been reduced by more than half, said Thomas Fallo, vice-chancellor of business services, at yesterday afternoon's Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees meeting.

The deficit is now estimated at "approximately \$14 million."

The decrease is due to many contributing factors, Fallo said. Six million dollars will be saved by proposed classified layoffs, and \$1.3 million will be received from state property taxes and various other additional monies.

This new estimate takes into consideration the "elimination of the 5 percent salary reduction" in the American Federation of Teacher's (AFT) new contract agreement. Fallo said the contract "increases our deficit in one sense by approximately \$4 million."

Passed unanimously was a district property proposal, "a plan for seeking proposals for the joint occupancy or other lease-holds."

Trustee Arthur Bronson said, "The main thrust of this is to maintain ownership of the property."

An advertisement was run last Sunday to sell parcels of land adjacent to Los Angeles Pierce College. In response to Trustee Monroe Richman's question about that land now, the council stated that "this does not abandon the earlier resolu-

tion to sell that property."

Interjected throughout the meeting was the issue of tuition.

At the opening, Pierce Faculty Senate President Eloise Crippens spoke "to give the reasons that Pierce's Senate members endorsed the concept of tuition at the community colleges."

Crippens stated early in her speech that, "We are not intimidated by the stares of incredulity. We are supporting tuition as an equitable concept."

Regarding those "who allege that once tuition is established, it will never go away, and will only get larger, Crippens said, "This is an argument for tomorrow, not for today."

As educators, Crippens stated, "We should be more concerned with the preparation of our students' minds...than the size of their wallets."

Crippens' speech brought response from almost all the board members. They questioned her mainly about the representation of Pierce's faculty vote. Crippens said that out of 109 ballots returned "89 favored tuition...a margin of more than three to one."

After discovering that the vote was taken in early October, President Marguerite Archie pointed out, "At that point no one knew of the \$1 billion surplus [in Sacramento]."

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Pro-tuition position

Economic worries erode opposition to student fees

By MARY CRONIN, News Editor

The wall of opposition to first-time tuition in the California community colleges is developing cracks, and those cracks may be sending a message of a weakening anti-fee coalition to Sacramento.

In early August, the trustees of the Foothill-DeAnza district in Santa Clara County voted to accept fees if the legislature restores the \$108 million base funding for the community colleges, and the State Center College District in Fresno followed suit.

In mid-September the 15 members of the California Community College Board of Governors also endorsed the tuition concept if that would mean a restoration of base funding. Board Member Mario Camara told the Los Angeles Times that the decision was made "reluctantly after many, many long debates and really only as a last resort to maintain access and quality to the community college district."

Then in late September, the Academic Senate, which represents about 40,000 faculty members in California, endorsed the concept of tuition if it was coupled with capped, sunseting fees. (The fees would not rise above a specified amount, and they would end after a certain period of time). The endorsement called for a forum to discuss a program for a long-term funding base and a study of the impact of fees.

Faculty Senate President Robert Silverstein said that two positions of the Senate regarding fees are unchanged. The first is that open access is paramount, and the second is that all other funding areas should be considered before there are any student charges.

Silverstein said that when the endorsement for tuition was made, there was no knowledge of the now apparent \$1 billion surplus in Sacramento, and now that "times have changed" he is "not sure" how the Senate members would react to a fee proposal at this time.

While the Academic Senate is

philosophically opposed to tuition because it would limit access, especially for minorities, the slashing of base funding for the community colleges also limits access, according to Silverstein. "When the budgets are cut, the quality suffers, and sections close, so there is a different kind of reduction of access."

Ironically, Silverstein expressed a fear that the forces that oppose tuition are being slowly fragmented because of mounting budget crises, and said he spends much of his time trying to hold the anti-tuition coalition together.

Forces opposing fees seem to be in the minority at Los Angeles Pierce College, where, in late September, the Faculty Senate became the first in California to en-

dorse tuition. A faculty poll at Pierce showed that 84 instructors were in favor of tuition while 23 opposed it.

Pierce's Faculty Senate Secretary Dr. Zachary Zeithlin said that the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees was "not handling the situation properly" when it maintained its opposition to tuition. He said that the Chancellor's studies which showed that the district would lose 10 percent of its students, and in turn 10 percent of its funding from the state, were "not valid." He said that Chancellor Koltai is trying to "brainwash people" and these studies are "myths perpetrated by those who wish to push their own political views."

Eloise Crippen, president of the

Pierce Academic Senate, said that there "has been no reaction" by the Pierce students regarding the pro-tuition vote. She said, "Most students see the need for tuition."

She is disturbed by the criticism that the vote has received from the American Federation of Teachers, the LACCD, and the district Academic Senate. She said that their attitude reflects thinking that there "is no room for a different opinion on the matter."

Faculty members are not alone in addressing the tuition issue. A number of classified workers who protested proposed layoffs by the LACCD at a recent board meeting carried pro-tuition signs and voiced the opinion that tuition should be instated if it would save their jobs.



SORE LOSERS?—King and queen runner-ups Marty Walker and Sharon Fischer enjoy the festivities at Valley's Homecoming game last Saturday. (See Page 6 for more photos.)

Homecoming '83 ends in 'clayslide'

By DAVID BOHRER, Associate News Editor

"I think that by running as Gumby, I created a lot spirit. More people voted in this year's Homecoming elections than in the past 12 years," said Homecoming King Jeff Falglen, or more popularly known as Gumby.

"Jeff was voted in with more votes than any past Homecoming King or ASB president," said current ASB President Jeff Kaplan.

Voted into the title of Homecoming Queen was Georgia Allen, a third year student at Valley majoring in business administration.

"I was really happy and really surprised that I had won. It's the first time I've ever run for anything like this. It was a great experience and I've gotten to meet a lot of nice people from it," said Allen. First and second runners-up in the Homecoming Court were respec-

tively Lewis Bailey and Valley Mascot Marty Walker for king, and first runner-up for queen was Royce Green (a Valley male football player) and Sharon Fischer and Susan Salveter tied for second.

"This is the most successful election we've ever had here at Valley," said Kaplan.

The homecoming parade took place during the half-time of the Monarch's football game with Los Angeles City College. The game was won by the Monarchs 51-14.

It seems like the only thing about Homecoming that was not "great," according to Kaplan, was the turnout for the movie after the game.

The movie was "Heavy Metal," which only eight people attended. The movie was the last in the recently cancelled ASB film series.



CLOWNING AROUND—Virginia Mary Galassi practices make-up skills on husband Dominick during the weekly "Clownology" class held at Valley.

STAR EDITORIAL

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Walk...not talk

The time to talk has passed.

It is nearly 1984, and it is no longer enough to groan and call the governor names at every slash of a blade that brings California community colleges closer to economic and educational ruin.

The time has come to make the transition from crisis management to crisis leadership, to fight timidity as well as tuition, and to put a stop to appeasement and apathy.

The time has come to end Deukmejian's reign of terror on community colleges.

In short, the time has come for *action* . . .

Having left the community college funding question unresolved for 1983, the State Legislature will once again take up the issue when it returns to session in January. This year a precarious impasse was reached when the supporters of tuition-free colleges were barely able to defeat Deukmejian's call for student fees.

The future does not look as bright.

There is no reason why California, a state with a \$1 billion surplus, cannot supply its community colleges with \$108 million (to match last year's funding level).

However, the governor has made it clear that he will not sign legislation providing for additional funding unless it also includes the imposition of tuition. And Deukmejian appears to be ready to wait as long as it takes to "starve out" communi-

ty colleges and their supporters.

What is needed at this point, then, is action.

What is needed at this point is a community college *walkout*.

The purpose of this strike, which would take place the first week that the Legislature returns to session (Jan. 3-6), would be to permit the massive convergence on Sacramento of a united front of community college students, teachers, classified workers, and administrators from every corner of California under one banner: *adequate community college funding without tuition*.

Even someone as brutally insensitive as Deukmejian will not be able to ignore the threat of people who would, if need be, shut down Sacramento rather than see him shut down community colleges.

. . . "Finals" week has been moved up this semester to Jan. 3-6.

There will be no letter grades given out — the only passing mark will be "survival."

If community colleges are to endure, Deukmejian's vision of 1984 with its Orwellian resemblances (i.e., "Ignorance is Education") must be laid to rest the first week of the new year.

And if California community colleges survive another 1,000 years, we can be sure that people will say: "This was their finest hour."

A Blossom by any other name . . .

By LISA SHAMES, Staff Editor

"I wanted something a lot steadier. So I asked myself 'Why not work for mother nature?' " And that is exactly what Gene Blossom has been doing ever since.

Blossom has been working with mother nature for over 25 years and 15 of those years have been at Valley.

When Blossom started the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) were one and the same.

Ten years ago when they separated, Blossom saw it as a "step up" to transfer to the LACCD. Now, "... it has sort of reversed," he said.

Blossom was at Valley when the Campus Center was nicknamed the "bean field" and before that a dairy. He was here when Valley had only juniper trees on the campus. He has seen Valley "grow section by section."

From its beginning with the boiler room to what it is today, Valley has changed and not only physically.

During the Vietnam war, he recalls incidents ranging from a sit-in to a firebomb being thrown into an office of the administration. "It burned right through the desk," he said.

"The students were much more active back then. There was an atmosphere of challenge to the status quo."

Blossom feels this activity is important in order "to see where we were and where we are going."

This attitude also applies to Blossom personally. He is involved with the Coalition of Racial Equality, a group activity opposed to racism, and he is active in various peace organizations. Besides that Blossom tends to his "small" orchard of 11 trees and spends time with his wife and son.

Outside of gardening he also has a love for art. In fact, before Blossom got involved in his present profession he was an artist/illustrator for Barker Brothers. It

was due to the lucracy of job contracts that made him look for a different career.

But Blossom doesn't find art and gardening so distant.

"Landscaping has elements of design. Someday I would like to do murals with landscaping as a backdrop," he said.

A typical week for Blossom and the six other gardeners here includes such duties as watering, pruning, and cleaning up the campus after "weekend parties".

Mowing is another important aspect of the job, but it doesn't always come up roses.

"I can remember," said Blossom, "when an irate teacher came running out of a building and pulled out the spark plugs off the blower. He sounded like an airplane coming through the building." Blossom said they do try to gear the mowing schedule around the classes.

His job gives him the opportunity to see all areas of the campus. He recalled a club day at Valley some six years ago which included events quite different from today.

"The sailing club had a rubber swimming pool with a skiff in it," he said. "The scuba club had a tank filled with water, and the skiing club had a wooden ramp with crushed ice. And they actually skied down it."

Those days seem long gone with the onslaught of severe budget problems and with the cut of over 500 classified employees in January.

Blossom feels a solution lies with an "allocation of funds and a better balance between those funds."

"We can't afford to have this happen," said Blossom. "We owe it to ourselves to maintain free education, but not at the expense of the working man's [classified employees] livelihood."

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Tay Sachs testing to be held here

By PHIL AMMANN, Staff Editor

Testing for the genetic disease Tay Sachs, a disorder which primarily affects members of the Jewish population, will be held at Valley College Wednesday, Nov. 9, and Thursday, Nov. 10, in CC 104.

The testing, which is sponsored by the Associated Student Body in cooperation with the California Tay Sachs Disease Prevention Program, consists of a minor blood test. Information about the illness, which is always fatal in offspring of couples where both members have been diagnosed as carriers of the Tay Sachs gene, will be distributed at the time of testing.

Symptoms of Tay Sachs are a progressive loss of developmental achievements, deterioration of the nervous system, blindness, seizures, and a progressive unresponsiveness to parents and environment.

Although the causes of Tay Sachs have been isolated to the absence of a vital enzyme in its victim's brain cells, and major medical advancements have been made in understanding the reasons behind

the effects of the disease, there is still no cure, leaving prolonged hospital care for the stricken child, which ranges from \$70,000 to \$90,000 a year.

One in 200 people carry the Tay Sachs gene, and members of the Jewish population have been the highest group of carriers. One in 30 have been found to have the gene. With these figures in mind, the California State Department of Health, which supports the program, advises that everyone over the age of 18, both Jewish and non-Jewish, be tested. The test, which takes less than 15 minutes, is offered free of charge.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, there will be a Tay Sachs information booth at Valley, tentatively scheduled to be placed across from the Behavioral Sciences building. Educational literature will be distributed, and a 10-minute videotape describing the disease and the purposes of the prevention program will be shown.

The testing will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. only.

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RAINED OUT AGAIN—Valley's Club Days seem to be a sure predictor of rain. The event was put off until next Thursday, when it will be held at 11 a.m. in Monarch Hall if it rains or Monarch Square if it doesn't.

ASB ID cards 'lost' in post office shuffle

By SUSAN GOLANY, Staff Writer

Unforeseen problems have delayed the mailing of identification cards and other materials to some 1,300 Associated Student Body members according to ASB President Jeff Kaplan.

About 900 had been mailed out several weeks ago after the initial delay, caused by Valley College's reproduction office not having the materials ready, explained Kaplan. Included in this semester's membership packet are papers dealing with students' medical insurance, a dental plan, and schedules of special events and student activities, as well as the ID cards he said.

"ASB officers and volunteers from several of Valley's clubs worked many hours addressing the envelopes by hand, and arranging them in packets by zip codes so that they could be mailed at the rate charged for bulk mail — only 7 cents a piece," said Kaplan.

"Then, when the final batch of 1,300 envelopes was taken to the post office, we were told that they cannot qualify for the bulk mail rate because each ID card has a different photo on it," he explained. "The post office now wants 21 cents per piece."

The increased outlay for mailing had to be approved by the ASB finance committee and, says Kaplan, "I think that by Nov. 1, on the day that the funds are disbursed, the packets will be mailed out."

Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Pauline E. Merry attempted to get the post office to reconsider, but did not succeed according to Kaplan.

"I apologize for the inconvenience this has caused," said Kaplan. "If any student urgently needs an ID card in order to obtain

a travel discount or bus pass, he can get an emergency ID card from the ASB office in Monarch Hall," he explained.

NEWS NOTES

CLUB DAY . . .

Club Day has been rescheduled for next Thursday, Nov. 10 in Monarch Square.

CONCERT . . .

Flutist Larry McGuire and pianist Janice Biermann will perform today at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

5 WOMEN, 5 BIRTHS . . .

A film on child birth will be shown tomorrow at 7 p.m. in B48

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51-14 Monarch victory signals team maturity

By CHRIS HASSETT, Sports Editor

Apparently this team does not believe in little victories.

In their two wins this season, the Monarchs have scored 95 points and have allowed their two opponents only 21.

They won last Saturday against Los Angeles City College 51-14.

It was an easy win that was delivered appropriately at Homecoming.

But it wasn't a thoroughly satisfy-

ing win.

"It was our most productive game offensively," said Head Coach Chuck Fererro. "We gained 410 yards and scored 51 points, but you have to keep in mind that L.A.

City is not a very good football team."

L.A. City is a team that is having their problems this year.

Two weeks before the season opened, their head coach decided to

quit. 32 players were left when a new coach was found for the job.

Today, their overall record is 0-6. But things seem far more critical for them than their record.

Saturday night's game took a heavy toll on them.

One player was taken away in an ambulance with a fractured leg. Another spent the final minutes of the fourth quarter wishing he had worn a cup. But the disturbing and almost haunting thing about the team was the look of total exhaustion and gloom on the faces of the players.

One L.A. City player felt the season was getting old a little too quickly.

"I'm getting tired of coming out to practice all the time," he said, "and then wind up getting beat every game. It all gets sort of disheartening after a while."

But while the candle is starting to flicker for L.A. City, the Monarch flame is just beginning to burn.

Their defense has proven to be a tough contender all season long. The offense, while starting off awkward and slow, is beginning to move the ball with confidence.

Their passing, running and kicking games are led by three freshmen.

Freshman quarterback Ron Wilson is throwing the ball with speed and accuracy, which is a big asset to wide receiver Eric Yarber, who set a Southern California record two weeks ago against East Los Angeles with 16 catches for 144 yards.

The running game is being led by Claude Goodie, who rushed for 118 yards on 20 carries against L.A. City.

Goodie was named offensive player of the game by the Monarch coaches.

Ace kicker Dennis Hochman kicked two field goals, one for 47 yards, and was named special teams player of the game.

Defensive lineman Kelvin Harden, another freshman, has been playing outstanding defense for the Monarchs the past few games, according to Fererro, and was named defensive player of the game for another fine performance against L.A. City.

But last week's game was not a true test for the maturing Monarch team. That test will come this weekend when they face Los Angeles Harbor College.

"Harbor is a very good football team," Fererro said.

"They are more of a running team. But we have some tough kids on our defense that play well against the run."

"I don't think it will be a high scoring game," he said, "because both teams play good defense."

"But we're going to take advantage of what we consider their weaknesses just like they will with us."

"It is going to be a good, hard fought football game."

The game is this Saturday at 7:30 at Harbor.



CAUGHT IN A CROSSFIRE—Claude Goodie (in dark jersey with ball) tries to fight his way through a swarm of Los Angeles City defensive backs but gets snagged from behind.

Goodie carried the ball 20 times for 118 yards, an average of 5.9 yards a carry, and went on to be named offensive player of the game. The Monarchs won the game 51-14.

BOB GRUSMAN / Valley Star

Basketball team moving in for a layup on new season

By DAVID BOHRER, Assoc. News Editor

If a confident and spirited team is any indication of a winning season, then the Los Angeles Valley College basketball team is going to have a successful season.

"I think that our basketball team should take first in conference this year," said 6'5" Team Captain Randy Anderson. "We have several outstanding freshmen this year, and the coaches really believe in the team. I think if we put all our team effort together with hard work we'll have a winning season."

The team, according to Head Coach Bobby Castanga, has a lot of potential. "We have a good group of athletes, with good depth, and hopefully we'll be a good basketball team as the season goes on."

The basketball coaching staff consist of Castanga and two assistant coaches, Virgil Wheson and Maury Hanks. Unlike Castanga, Wheson and Hanks volunteer their time to assist in coaching the team.

"My assistant coaches are invaluable to me and donate countless

hours of time to the team. The players and I would all be lost without them," said Castanga.

"The coaches relate to the players a lot," said 6'2" Guard Kim Gipson.

Forward Jesse Garner said, "I feel the coaches are trying to pressure us so it won't be a repeat of last season."

This year the team hopes to reverse last year's record of 6-24. Castanga said, "We lost a lot of close games last year. We weren't as bad as our record indicated."

Although the team consists of five sophomores, ten freshmen, and the youngest head coach in the Los Angeles Community College District, they seem confident.

The team will play a total of 30 games this season, of which 14 will be league games against other teams in the Mountain Valley Conference.

"I feel we have really good potential," said 6'4" Wing Guard Dan Liese. "If we play together, we'll be a top contender for taking our league."

"As long as the coaches have the

confidence in us, we'll do the rest," Anderson said. "The coaches can only teach us so much, the rest is up to us."

But besides last year's record, the basketball team has also run into other obstacles.

Budget cuts in the athletic department has also hurt the team.

Castanga said that nearly 35 per cent of basketball funds had to be cut. Also, because of budget cuts, the team was not able to attend the Modesto College Basketball Tournament over the summer.

"It is one of the best tournaments in the state in which 16 teams compete. It's too bad we couldn't go," said Castanga.

The team did play over the summer and won the Santa Monica Summer League with a record of 6-1.

"One of our strong points is we get along very well together," Castanga said. "This is also one of our best recruiting seasons in a long while. I could put most any player in and not worry. But the key to our success will be knowing our strong points and our limitations."



JOYCE SILVERSTEIN / Valley Star

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Today

Water Polo—USC JV's 4 p.m. at Valley

Friday, Nov. 4

Cross Country—Mt. Valley Conference Championships, 3 p.m. at Trade Tech (don't miss it)

Water Polo—Rio Hondo, 3 p.m. at Rio Hondo

Volleyball—Mission, 4 p.m. at Valley

Saturday, Nov. 5

Football—L.A. Harbor, 7:30 p.m. at Harbor

AGGRESSIVE ACTION—Bill Lees and Kirk Rutherford of Valley College protect their own goalie (Mike Mulligan) from an incoming pass from their Citrus College opponent. Valley Head Coach Bill Krauss said that it will probably come down to Citrus and Valley in the final match to choose who goes to the state championship. Citrus won this game in a fourth quarter, come from behind victory, beating Valley 18-15 and giving them their first league loss. "That was a heartbreak loss for us," he said. "We had a 15-13 lead in the fourth quarter and our defense just let down." Valley will be playing Citrus again in two weeks, and Krauss said he expects his team to win. Valley now has an over-all record of 13-5, and a league record of 3-1.

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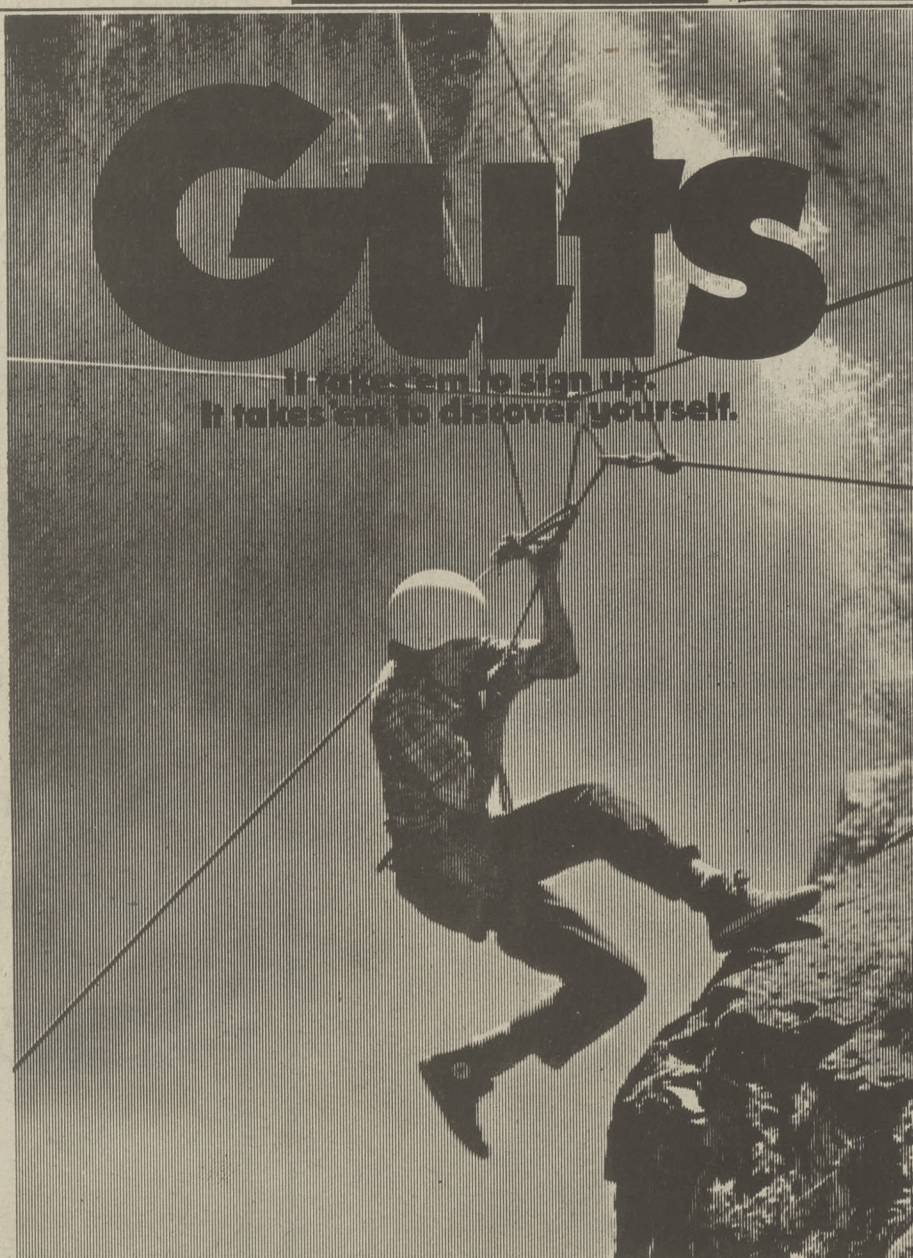
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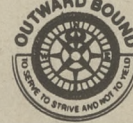
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Gay, bi . . . pride and prejudice

Polled; diverse student reactions

By JEFFREY PAPES, Staff Writer

"I would kill all the homosexuals if I could; it's morally wrong and only people with sick minds participate in it" (male, 19).

"It's better to have loved someone of the same sex than not to have loved at all" (female, 23).

Whether or not people recognize it, homosexuality and bisexuality are sexual preferences that are a part of our culture and are prevalent in all walks of life. Homosexuality and bisexuality are not exclusive to any one group of people and are facts of life that society can no longer ignore.

A recent poll of 1,012 day and night students revealed a wide variety of attitudes and preferences towards homosexuality and bisexuality:

Male	
80%	heterosexual
15%	bisexual
5%	homosexual
Female	
82%	heterosexual
14%	bisexual
4%	homosexual

Society in general has tended to stereotype homosexuals as being effeminate men and overly masculine women. The media, for instance, contributes largely to the stereotypical representation of homosexuality. Men tend to be portrayed as limp-wristed, over emotional "whimps," while women are usually muscular auto mechanics that wear hiking boots.

Some students expressed that they think that all male homosexuals wear feather boas, lisp, and cry when they break a nail. In the same respect, they think that all lesbians have short, butch hair cuts, and could beat any guy at arm wrestling.

Remarks such as, "Homosexuality is cultism; it's dangerous," (female, 55) and, "There is no place in this world for gays," (male, 21), showed that 34 percent of the men and 27 percent of the women polled have definite belligerent and hostile feelings toward homo/bisexuality.

Some feel that gay people are a sub-culture suffering from a serious mental disorder.

"All gays are emotionally disturbed" (male, 19).

Other responses indicate that some feel that homosexuality stems from bad prior experiences with attempted heterosexual relationships.

"Maybe all those gay guys got dumped by some girl and couldn't handle it," (male, 17). One girl, 24, said that she could understand why some men are gay, but to her gay women are an enigma. "Why should any girl want to be gay with all of the cute guys here," she asked.

All of these students said that they were heterosexual.

But looking into the majority of those polled over of both the men and the women, (66 and 73 percent) find homosexuality socially acceptable and feel that no one should be condemned for choosing their own lifestyle. Some said a there is nothing wrong with someone loving someone of the same sex as long as it is really love that brings them together.

"People should love whoever they choose as long as they are happy," (heterosexual male, 20). This group generally feels that a person's happiness is the main priority.

"Nobody has the right to make other people conform just to suit their own needs," (female, 40).

Just as some find homosexuality socially unacceptable, 58 percent of those polled frown upon bisexuality. Of that 58 percent, 9 percent were strictly homosexual.

"Can't those people [bisexuals] make up their minds what they want?" (female, 28). According to the general concenses, bisexuals are suffering from a severe identity crisis, do not know what they prefer, or actually gay but refuse to admit it.

"Either you are straight or gay; there's no inbetween," said one homosexual male, 18.

Forty-eight percent of the students, on the other hand, approved of bisexuality or again feel

that sexual preference is entirely up to the individual.

Most students who condone bisexuality feel it is a healthy exploration of one's sexuality.

"What started out basically as experimentation ended up as 'a good learning experience' for me," said a 27 year-old married bisexual. "It opened up a lot of doors and made me a lot more open minded."

"Now I am married and prefer the stability of a heterosexual relationship; but to say that I am no longer attracted to men would be a lie."



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"Marie," 17, like many others has experimented with bisexuality and has no regrets for trying to broaden her sexual horizon.

"I loved my best friend enough to take it a step further," she said she knows that a bisexual life is not for her but, "I'll never regret it; it taught me a lot."

Formal religious and family backgrounds have also molded and shaped some students attitudes in regards to homosexuality. To some, only heterosexual relationships are

morally acceptable.

"I hate homosexuals and so does God" (female, 23). "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Bruce, praise the Lord" (male, 18).

Others have less conventional and more relaxed view towards sexual individuality.

"I was taught that it is up to God to judge people," (female, 20). "Peter," 22, a heterosexual, was taught by his family to be his own person.

"They would rather have me be gay and happy than trying to be straight and miserable."

Homosexuals and bisexuals are found in every area of our society and are not confined to the boundaries of any social or economic class structure. They can be anyone from a person's favorite baseball player to a favorite actor, singer, or neighborhood crossing guard.

Dr. Pauline Merry, administrative dean of student affairs, summed it all up by saying, "When people realize that a person's sexual preference has no bearing on how good a person he (or she) is, that will be all that matters."

By JEFFREY PAPES, Staff Writer

"I'm not a child molester, and I'm too scared of catching something to have promiscuous sex."

Tony is 20 years old. He supports himself, shares an apartment with a friend, and is gay.

"I'm not a hustler on Santa Monica Boulevard so I guess I blow the theory that all gay men are," he laughed. Tony works in a retirement home caring for the elderly and driving them to and from appointments. He feels that it's a satisfying job knowing that he is making life easier for someone.

to do any of the father and son things with him."

His family knows nothing about his preference because he feels that, in a way, he has failed his father.

"He's a man's man; it would really disappoint him." He thinks that his mother would accept it though. "I love my parents more than anything. I would never hurt them."

Judging people by sexual preference is "as relevant as judging by hair color," said Tony when asked about discrimination. He feels that more people are accepting homosexuality now because it is more open.

"More people are finding out that friends of theirs are bi and gay and are learning to cope with it."

Tony believes that more people are also openly gay because they have more places to go and be open about it. "Skating rinks and a lot of other places are having gay nights now."

"People will eventually get over their hostility towards homosexuals. People are running out of things to hate," according to Tony. He said people basically got over racial and religious prejudice and will soon find gays a tired subject.

Stereotyping of gays also bothers him.

"Sure, some gay men are effeminate but so are some straight men." He especially dislikes the myth that gay people are trying to recruit people.

"I never make advances to straight men. That would be stupid to subject them to that," he said. He said very few gays make sexual passes at straight men.

"Naturally you've got you oddballs in society who try to pick up on anything. I'm not trying to recruit anyone." He does not believe in pushing his preference or beliefs on anyone.

Tony said that if people are willing to accept him then that is wonderful. At the same time he also knows that there are some who will never accept him as a functioning part of society.

"I'm not out to wreck society. I just want to live my own life-style."

Broadcasting instructor shows 'how'

By JIM CROGAN, Staff Editor

Los Angeles Valley College may be her educational home but clearly Ginny Tyler's heart lies with her people—the American Indians.

Tyler, who descended from a line of Yakima chiefs, was raised in Seattle Washington and is a member of the Snohomish/Yakima tribes.

A broadcasting instructor at LAVC, Tyler is also a talented and professional voiceover artist, writer and storyteller. But perhaps her most satisfying role comes through her work with her fellow Indians.

For the past five years she has been president of the American Indian Scholarship Fund (AISF). Headquartered at UCLA.

AISF's expressed purpose is to help Indians achieve their educational and career goals. In practical terms, it is a case of Indians helping other Indians. According to Tyler, "it works."

One of their earliest achievements came in 1972.

"Our fund helped an American Indian complete his medical training. He became only the second American Indian dentist practicing in America," she said.

Since that time AISF has provided

ed approximately \$40,000 in grants, loans and merit awards to over 600 Indian students. The only qualifying conditions which the student applying for grants and loans must meet are proof of their Indian heritage, financial need, and enrollment in a California college.

An able speaker and active fundraiser, Tyler works closely with the Scholarship Selection Committee at UCLA. As president she can also authorize an emergency meeting of the board if a student's financial needs become critical.

According to Tyler, projects such as AISF fill a "desperate need."

"Indians on the reservation are three years behind other students...so when an Indian leaves the reservation to continue his education he's got to work extra hard just to catch up," she said.

Growing up outside of Seattle, Tyler spent her summers going to camp in the Yakima Indian country. There she lived with her uncle a Yakima Indian, and great-grandmother (who was actually sold to her husband, Colonel Patterson, by the chief of the Yakima tribe.)

Tyler directly attributes the progress she has made in her voiceover and storytelling career to the time spent in summer camp.

"It was there that I learned the Indians legends and began imitating birds and people. It made me a great story-teller," she said. "That is also an opinion shared by one of the great story-makers, Walt Disney."

He appointed her head of the mouseketeers and called her "the world's best story-teller."

However, there is a less pleasant side to her education.

"There definitely was a caste system around Seattle and the ethnic slurs were very real," she said. "Even some of the people who married into her own family thought that Indians were 'second class citizens.'"

"They wouldn't even give Indians a chance to show how passionate they were or their sense of humor, which is wonderful, unique and childlike," she said.

Although Los Angeles has a large Indian population (approximately 300,000), they are still not a real power within the L.A. community. Tyler believes that is because Indians are still fighting "tribal wars" and there is jealousy between the various tribes in regard to achievements.

Tyler sees the Indian's relationship with the white power structure as very complicated and she is, like many Indians, critical of the Bureau

of Indian Affairs (BIA).

She believes that Indians may be depending too much upon the government in order to fulfill their needs.

"The BIA gives them food and money but it's sapping their spirit...so when people say Indians are lazy they don't really know the situation. Indians are hard-working, industrious people but the government tries to take away their initiative by giving them things and telling them what's best."



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Good news: the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees' search for ways to trim and balance the District budget is over.

Here are a few suggestions that I'm offering the Board which it can use to raise money:

1. To complement the the student drop fee, the Board could impose a similar fee for instructors who are late for classes. A fee of \$5 per minute of the instructor's tardiness would be appropriate. Of course, enforcing the collection of the fees would be a problem, but that is where the Mafia gets involved.

2. Each school should be supplied with collection agents, whose jobs it would be to stand outside the bookstores and cafeterias. Whenever students would walk out, the collection agents (not necessarily from the Mafia) would shake them down and retrieve their money. The Board would then have no problem balancing the budget.

3. Install pay toilets. Not ordinary 'on-the-stalls' pay toilets, but on the entrances to the restrooms themselves. At 25¢ per visit, imagine how much money that would bring in. If a student had to go bad enough, he/she might even pay 50¢.

4. The Board could promote Jules Kimmot to the position of District Budget Director. With a finance-conscious man like Kimmot in charge, the Board could be assured of having cuts made only where they would benefit the District and the colleges, without crippling either.

5. The cats which reside in front of the Library should be forced to pay rent every month. No more freeloading cats at Valley from now on. And all those free meals at the college's expense should cease immediately. Either they pay, or out they go. That'll teach 'em.

6. Finally, the ASB could raise the prices of the video games in the Recreation Room and Bookstore by 500 percent, and give the surplus money to the District. Since the average student can't live without Pac-Man or Donkey Kong, the Board would make a killing.

If the Board would follow each of these suggestions, it would surely have enough money to keep the District's till overflowing for this year and many years to come. See, isn't saving money fun?



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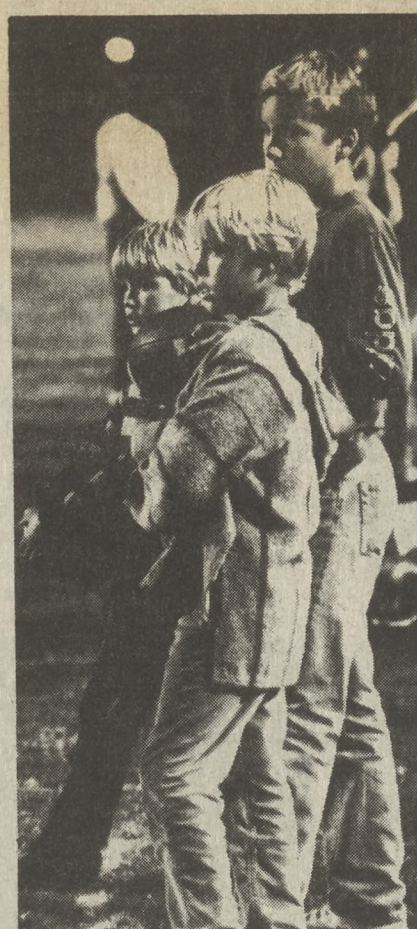
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This year's Homecoming was an evening of surprises. Gumby was elected Homecoming King, and the Monarchs ended a four-game losing streak with a victory over L.A. City College. Photos (counterclockwise from top left): 1983 Homecoming Queen Georgia Allen receives congratulations from ASB's Raggedy Ann. This year's royal couple, Gumby and Georgia Allen. Monarch cheerleaders strut their stuff. Score board reflects final score. Monarch's ball boys (left-to-right) Mark Matkins, 7; Scott Matkins, 10; and Brad Carter, 15. Team players crash through Monarch banner as they return to play after half-time. Gumby receives the crowning touch from President Mary Lee.

Photos by Denise Morgan and Joyce Silverstein

